

Explore

Autumn!

At Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains
NATIONAL MONUMENT



**National Monument
Visitor Center**

**51-500 Highway 74, Palm Desert
760/862-9984**



Friends of the
Desert Mountains

Programs are FREE unless marked *

GUIDED NATURE HIKES	Thursdays 8:30 am Saturdays 9 am	Enjoy a healthy and informative hike into the Santa Rosa Mountains. Meet at the Visitor Center with hiking gear and water. Free, no RSVP necessary.
FIRST SATURDAY ART DISPLAYS	Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6 9 am – 3 pm	See works of art and demonstrations by featured local artists and photographers who highlight the beauty of desert mountains. At the Visitor Center.
TEN TOP SCARY CREATURES	Wednesday, Oct 8 Noon- 1:30 pm	Learn about the desert's most venomous, strongest and most feared fauna. Thousand Palms Library 31-189 Robert Rd, 760/343-1556.
HIKE & SLIDE SHOW SAFARI	Saturday, Oct 11 8:30 am hike, 11 am show	Join author Phil Ferranti on the Sawmill Trail in Pinyon for a moderate hike. Slide show follows, at the Visitor Center, call 760/862-9984 for details.
PACK RAT HIKE	Tuesdays, Oct 14, 28, & Nov 11 9 am	Explore the Randall Henderson Trail with Ranger Bonnie Adkins and visit homes of pack rats. One-mile easy hike, at the Visitor Center. RSVP.
NATIVE PLANTS & THEIR USES	Thursday, Oct 16 11 am	Just in time to design a Thanksgiving meal! Join Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist at La Quinta Museum 77-885 Ave Montezuma. 760/777-7189.
HIKE CACTUS SPRINGS TRAIL	Friday, Oct 17 8:30 am- 2:30 pm	Explore pinyon forest zones with Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist. Rated moderate/strenuous, elevation gain 900 ft. Five-miles, RSVP.
STAR PARTY	Saturday, Oct 18 7– 9 pm	At the Visitor Center, join the Astronomical Society of the Desert and discover the wonders of the heavens. RSVP, 760/862-9984.
IS ANYBODY HOME? NATURE WALK	Oct 24 repeats Nov 19 8:30- 10:30 am	Celebrate the National Monument's 8th anniversary with a three-mile, easy hike. Search out tarantula dens and more, led by Ranger Dani Ortiz.
HAPPY TAILS DOG ADVENTURE	Wednesday, Nov 5 8- 9:30 am	Dogs fetch your master and leash for a hike at Cahuilla Hills Park. RSVP, 760/862-9984. Learners welcome, but no aggressive dogs please.
SAN JACINTO PEAK ADVENTURE*	Saturday, Nov 8 7:30 am- 4:30 pm	Travel from the desert valley to San Jacinto peak. Strenuous rating with 2,300 ft gain. Tram fee required. Call to RSVP, 760/862-9984.
ART SMITH TRAIL HIKE	Friday, Nov 14 8 am- 3 pm	While hiking at 2,000 ft, enjoy views of Coachella Valley and San Andreas fault. 6 -mile strenuous hike, 1,000 elevation gain. RSVP space limited.
HISTORY OF CONSERVATION	Tuesday, Nov 18 4:30- 6 pm	Hear Buford Crites, Board Member, Friends of the Desert Mountains, share stories of Coachella Valley's heritage. For more info call 760/862-9984.
THE NEW TRAILS PLAN	Tuesday, Nov 25 4:30- 6 pm	An overview of the Multiple Species Trails Plan by Katie Barrows, CVAG Director of Environmental Resources and Jim Foote, Monument Manager.
DESERT LIFE NATURE WALK	Friday, Nov 28 9 am repeats 1 pm	On this easy three-mile round trip walk the desert will share its survival secrets with you! Meet at the Visitor Center with water and sun protection.
TODDLER TREK	Wednesday, Dec 3 9– 10 am	Young observers (eighteen months to three years) welcome to join Caliso Learning Instructor for safe activities outdoors! RSVP, 760/862-9984.
ROADRUNNER: Cuckoo of the Desert	Monday, Dec 8 6:30 pm	Check out this bird that would rather run than fly! At Palm Springs Library 300 S Sunrise Way. Call 760/416-6731 for more information.
MURRAY HILL PEAK HIKE	Wednesday, Dec 10 8 am– 3 pm	This adventurous hike is 10 miles and rated strenuous for elevation gain and distance. Call the Visitor Center for details and to RSVP.
TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS	Thursday, Dec 18 5 pm	What are the wild creatures of the National Monument doing the night before Christmas? Find out, at the Visitor Center!
BALD EAGLE COUNT	Saturday, Dec 20 8:30– 10 am	Pack a watch and binoculars to join US Forest Service Wildlife Biologists in an annual census. RSVP at 909/382-2945 or hhoggan@fs.fed.us.
CARRIZO CANYON HIKE	Friday, Dec 26 9 am– noon	This hidden canyon takes hikers 'inside' the Santa Rosa Mountains to view rich geology and ecology. Rated moderate, call the Visitor Center to RSVP.
JUNIOR TRAIL GUIDE	Selected Saturdays	9 to 12-years old? Get connected with nature! Call Visitor Center for dates.

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